

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A microorganism strain suitable for fermentative production of amino acids of the phosphoglycerate family or derivatives thereof and producible from a starting strain, is based upon a starting strain having an increased activity of a yfiK-gene product or of a gene product of a yfiK homologue. The microorganism strain is a member of the family Enterobacteriaceae and is a member of the species *E. coli*. A plasmid has a yfiK-gene with a promoter and a genetic element for the deregulation of cysteine metabolism coding for a serine O-acetyl transferase and being subject to a reduced feedback inhibition by L-cysteine.--